# Record
## of the
## First Congregational Parish
## in Westhampton
## April 1849 — April 1872

## Volume II.

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holding said meeting — Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Parish Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid —

Given under our hands this second day of April, in the year One thousand eight hundred and forty nine —

Medad King Jr.
Jared Bartlett
& Judd Jr.
} Assessors.

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the legal voters of the first Congregational Parish to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes herein named —

Matthias Rice = Collector.

Westhampton
Apl 9. 1849

At a legal meeting of the First Congregational Parish in Westhampton, held on Monday the ninth day of April A.D. 1849.

Martin Wright was chosen Moderator.
John A. Judd was chosen Clerk, and forthwith duly sworn.
Matthias Rice " " Treasurer.

Jared Bartlett
Eleazar Judd Jr.
Aretas H. Bridgman
} were chosen Assessors —

Jared O. Bartlett, George N. King and Henry M Parsons were chosen Singing Committee —

Voted to accept the annual Report of the Assessors, which is, in substance, as follows: Parish — — Cr. $ 683.91

Dr. To amount of orders drawn to Apl 6th 1849, 638.10

" " arrearage in last settlement 6.69 644.79

Balance of Credit $ 39.12

April 9. 1849 —

Voted to raise, by assessment, the sum of Five hundred ~~dollars~~ and fifty dollars, for the payment of Pastors salary.

Agreeably to a vote of the parish, the Assessors proceeded to procure the performance of the services enumerated in the fifth article in the warrant, by offering the same to the lowest bidder. And Lester J. Langdon bid off the service of collecting the Taxes, for one and one tenth per cent. and he was then chosen Collector.

The other services, before specified, with the addition of warming, lighting and sweeping the Town Hall for Parish use, were bid off by Thomas C. Davenport for thirty seven Dollars.

The Bell to be rung as now practised — the Town Hall to be swept as occasion may require, and the meeting house once, in four weeks when the ground is covered with snow, and once in every two weeks when it is bare, and carefully dusted after sweepings; and the Desk kept always covered, except on days of meeting — The snow to be cleared from the steps — water provided for baptism, when requested, and fuel for the fires — the fire in the stoves to be started as early as eight o'clock, on cold sabbath mornings, and properly attended.

The subject of "making a new valuation was indefinitely postponed.

The oaths of office were administered, respectively to the Assessors, Treasurer & Collector, by the Clerk of the Parish.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Martin Wright — Moderator

Attest,
John A. Judd — Clerk

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1850.

To L. C. Langdon – Collector of the First Con-
-gregational Parish, in Westhampton,

Greeting –

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify the members of the above named Parish, to meet at the Town Hall in said Westhampton on monday the eighth day of April next, at one o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles – Viz:

Art. 1st To choose a moderator, to preside in said meeting.

Art. 2d " To choose all necessary Parish Officers, for the year ensuing.

Art. 3d " To hear the annual reports of their committees and act on the same –

Art. 4th " To see what sum of money the parish will raise, to defray their expences, for the ensuing year.

Art. 5th " To see what method the Parish will take to collect their Taxes – ring the Bell – sweep the Meeting house – provide wood for the Stoves, take care of the same, and other necessary labor in and about the Church, the ensuing year.

Art. 6th " To see if the Parish will make a new valuation, the ensuing year.

Art. 7th " To see if the Parish will buy, or hire a Double Bass-Viol; and to transact such other business as may legally come before the meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant according to law, and make due return thereof, with your doings thereon, to the Parish Clerk, at, or before the time of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands, this twenty fifth day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty.

Jared Bartlett
E. Judd Jr.
A. H. Bridgman } Assessors

This certifies that I have posted up an attested copy of the within warrant, as directed above,

Westhampton
April 8. 1850

Lester T. Langdon Collector

At a legal meeting of the First Congregational Parish in Westhampton, held on Monday the eighth day of April A.D. 1850,

Medad King was chosen Moderator.

John A. Judd was chosen Clerk, and duly sworn.

Matthias Rice -- -- Treasurer.

Jared Bartlett
George S. King
Theodore Clark } -- -- Assessors.

William Edwards - Caleb Loud - Henry M. Parsons were chosen Singing Committee.

The annual Report of the Assessors was presented, considered and accepted. It is, in amount, as follows.

The Assessors having examined the Treasurers account, report as follows.

6. 1850.

Parish — Dr.

By Amount of Assessment — $ 559.30
" do. of donations 46.50
" Balance from last year 39.12
644.92

Dr.

To amount of orders drawn since last settlement — April 6th 1849 — 634.11
Balance - - - - $ 10.81

Amount of Orders now outstanding $ 610.28

Westhampton Apl 5th 1850

E. Judd Jr.
Jared Bartlett
A. H. Bridgman
} Assessors.

Voted to assess in a Parish Tax the sum of six hundred dollars

Agreeably to a vote to that effect the assessors put up, to the lowest bidder, the services enumerated in the fifth article of the warrant. And Lester T. Langdon bid off the collecting for one, and one-tenth per cent. — 1 10/100 — And, accordingly he was chosen Collector

Eleazar Judd Jr. bid off the other services aforesaid, for thirty six dollars and fifty cents — to be performed as heretofore — see page 3d. including also the warming, lighting and sweeping the Town-Hall, for parish purposes

Voted — instructions to the Collector, to complete his collections before the first of May next ensuing the time when the tax bills are committed to him

Voted to purchase a Double Bass Viol; and the Singing Committee was instructed to carry said vote into effect —

Voted to abate the sum of seven dollars and twenty cents, in part, of the tax set to Joel Rusts heirs, for the year 1849 —

The Clerk administered the oath of office, to the Assessors, Treasurer, & Collector respectively — And the meeting was dissolved.

Attest, Medad King — Moderator
I. A. Judd, Clerk "

To Lester T. Longdon — Collector of the First Congregational Parish in Westhampton.

Greeting —

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the members of said Parish, qualified to vote in parish affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Westhampton, on Monday the fourteenth day of April next at two o'clock in the afternoon, to act on the following articles, Viz :-

Article 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting —

Art. 2d To choose all necessary parish officers for the year ensuing —

Art. 3d To see what sum of money the Parish will raise to defray parish expenses, the ensuing —

– year, and to hear reports (of officers and comittees.)

Art. 4th To see what method the Parish will take to ring the Bell, sweep the Meeting-house, take care of the Stoves and furnish lights, the ensuing year –

Art. 5th To see what methods the Parish will take to collect their Taxes, the present year –

Art. 6th To see if the Parish will procure an insurance on their meeting house –

Art. 7th To see if the Parish will any change in the stove-pipe –

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up an attested copy thereof in the "recess" of the Town Hall, seven days, at least, before the time of said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to the parish-clerk at the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands, at Westhampton this thirty first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifty one –

Jared Bartlett
Theodore Clark
George S. King
} Parish – Assessors –

This certifies that I have posted up an attested copy of the within warrant, as above directed, at the time and place aforesaid.

Westhampton April 14. 1851

Lester T. Longley. Collector.

At a legal meeting of the First Congregational Parish in Westhampton, held on Monday the fourteenth day of April A.D. 1851 —

George B. Drury was chosen Moderator —

Elnora F. Field was chosen Clerk, and was duly sworn.

Matthias Rice " Treasurer.

George B. Drury, Theodore Clark, Levi Lyman — Assessors.

Caleb Lovell, Perlus H. Bridgman

and Henry H. Parsons were chosen Singing Committee.

Voted to accept the Assessors' assessment, as corrected, which is, in substance as follows.

| | | Parish Dr. |
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| To Amount of Orders drawn since April 5th 1850. | | $663.05 |
| By Amount of assessment — | $608.69 | |
| " Amount of donations — — | 45.48 | |
| " Balance from last settlement | 10.81 | 664.92 |
| Town overdrawn | | $ 3.13 |

Amount of Orders now outstanding $ 1153.58.

Westhampton April 12th 1851

Perez Bartlett, George B. Drury, Theodore Clark } Assessors.

Voted to raise six hundred and fifty dollars, to defray parish expenses.

Voted that the services enumerated in the fourth article in the warrant, including the lighting, warming and care of the Town Hall for parish purposes, be procured, by sale at auction to the lowest bidder, and the same were bid off by George B. Drury for the —

sum of twenty eight dollars. And the service of collecting the taxes was incurred in the same manner, and was bid off by Lester F. Longdon, for one & fifteen one hundredth per cent (1 15/100 per ct.)

Voted that Messrs. Caleb Lundy, Joel Cook and Martin Priest be a committee to examine the subject of fixtures for warming the church, and insuring the same against loss or damage by fire, with instructions to report their doings and conclusions in the premises, to a parish meeting to be held on or before the first day of September next.

Voted that the Parish furnish their own Oil.

The Clerk, Treasurer and Collector were duly sworn by the Parish Clerk. And the meeting was dissolved.

Attest:
John A. Judd Clerk
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George B. Drury Moderator
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To Lester F. Longdon - Collector of the First Congregational Parish in Westhampton.

Greeting -

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the members of the First Congregational Parish in Westhampton qualified to vote in parish affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Westhampton on monday the fifteenth day of September inst. at three o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles -

Article 1st To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art. 2d To hear the report of the committee chosen at the last annual meeting of said parish to investigate the subject and devise a plan for fixing the stoves

– Pipes, in the Meeting-house of said Parish, and act on the same.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by leaving an attested copy thereof at the "Town Hall" in said Town, seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting –

Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Parish Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid –

Given under our hands, this fourth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty one.

Joel Cook
George N. King } Assessors of said Parish.

This certifies that I have posted up an attested copy of the within warrant, as directed, at the time and place of said –

E. J. Langdon – Parish Collector.

At a legal meeting of the First Congregational Parish in Northampton, held on Monday the fifteenth day of September A.D. 1851.

Enoch H. Lyman was chosen Moderator.

Voted, according to the report of the committee made thro' the chairman, verbally, – to build two chimneys, in the north end of the meeting-house. Also voted also to procure new stove-pipe of the same size as that now in use, sufficient to connect with the chimneys, and that Caleb Lyon, with the parish assessors be a committee to carry the provisions of the foregoing votes into effect. –

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

E. H. Lyman – Moderator

Attest:
S. A. Judd – Clerk

12. 1852.

To Lester S. Langdon Collector of the First Congregational Parish, in Northampton.

Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of said Parish qualified to vote in parish affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Northampton on Monday, the twelfth day of April next, at one o'clock in the afternoon, then & there to act on the following articles;

Art. 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art. 2d To choose all necessary parish officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 3d To hear the annual report of the Assessors, and Treasurer, and act thereon.

Art. 4th To raise such sums of money, as may be necessary to defray parish charges, the ensuing year, and make assessments of the same.

Art. 5th To determine what method the Parish will take to ring the Bell — sweep the meeting house — also to sweep and warm the Town Hall for parish purposes.

Art. 6th To see what method the Parish will take to collect their Taxes, the ensuing year.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting the same attested, on the door of the Town Hall, in said Town, seven days, at least, before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make

due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to the parish clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under hands, this thirty first day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ~~thirty~~ fifty two.

Joel Cook
George A. King
Thevdore Clark
} Assessors of said Parish.

This certifies that I have served this warrant by posting up an attested copy of the same, as above directed at the time and place aforesaid.

Westhampton
April 12th 1852.

L. T. Langdon Parish Collector
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At a legal meeting of the First Congregational Parish in Westhampton, held on Monday, the twelfth day of April A.D. 1852,

Arctas H. Bridgman was chosen Moderator.
John A. Judd was chosen Clerk, and duly sworn.
Lester T. Langdon " Treasurer, and Collector.

Joel Cook, Moses Judd 2d, John Bates Jr. - Assessors.
Caleb Lewis, Henry M. Parsons, Royal B. Rice - Singing Committee.

A committee, consisting of Deacons Elisha King, Eleazer Judd & Lewis S. Clark, was appointed to attend to ~~su~~ supplying the Pulpit.

Voted to have the Parish Tax assessed hereafter, in the month of May, until otherwise ordered.

1852.

Voted to authorise and instruct the Treasurer to borrow such amount of money as he shall find necessary to buy the salary of the Pastor, when it is due; viz-on the first day, May next.

Report of the Selectmen, and of the Treasurer, were severally presented and accepted. The former is as following—

— For the year ending April 9th 1852.

Paid Pastors Salary $550.00 — Assistance $24.72 = $574.72
" Abatement of Taxes $6.54 - Stove Pipe, Chimney $5.- = 106.54 $100.00
" Care of Meetinghouse $28.00 - Interest on Salary $18.32 = 46.32
" Insurance $15.00 — Parish Officers Fees $13.00 = 28.00
" Collecting Taxes $6.60 = Stationery $1.00 = 7.60
$763.18

The Treasurers account has Credit,

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| By amount of Parish grant. | $550.00 | |
| " Overclayings on Tax. | 6.33 | |
| " Donations, | 35.48 | |
| " Pew Rent | 4.75 | $697.66 |
| Deduct last years deficiency | | 3.13 |
| Subtract from Amt Orders drawn-as above | | 694.53 |
| Balance overdrawn | | $ 68.65 |

All which is submitted,

Joel Cook } Selectmen of
George F. Livingston } Parish

Voted to raise Six hundred and fifty dollars, to defray parish charges, the ensuing year.

The service of collecting the Taxes was, according to

a vote of the meeting, put up to the bidders, and was struck off to Lester J. Longley, for one hundred thirty ~~dollars~~ & one hundredths — 130/100 — Dollars. And the services expressed & contemplated, in the sixth article in the warrant, to be performed as hereinbefore, such as the care of the meeting house &c. were struck off to Linus L. Chapman for thirty one dollars —

Voted, to dissolve the meeting.

A. M. Bridgman Moderator

Attest.

A. Judd, Clerk.

I certify that the Parish officers chosen, as above, have been duly sworn, except John Bates who declines serving as an officer —

John A. Judd Clerk

Hampshire ss.

To Lester J. Longley — Collector of the First Cong. Parish in Westhampton,

Greeting —

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the First Congregational Parish in Westhampton, qualified to vote in Parish affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Westhampton, on Wednesday the 16th inst. at three o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles —

Article 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Article 2d To see what measures the Parish

and Vote to procure a man to settle with them as as a Pastor —

And you are directed to serve this warrant & the Several Votes and make due return — &c. —

Given under our hands & seals, this seventeenth day of June, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred & fifty two —

Ruel Cook
Moses Ludden } Selectmen.

This certifies that I have posted up an attested copy of the within warrant as above directed, at the time & place aforesaid —

T. F. Langdon } Pound Keeper

At a Legal meeting of the First Congregational Parish, holden on Wednesday the sixteenth day of June A.D. 1852,

Abram B. Ludden was chosen Moderator.

Voted to choose a committee, by ballot, to act with a committee of the Church, in procuring a candidate for settlement, with in the Gospel Ministry, And Augustus E. Wales, & Wm. C. Lyman were accordingly chosen, no one dissenting —

Voted to dissolve the meeting —

Attest,
Abram B. Ludden } Moderator
Wales A. Ludden Clerk

Commonwealth of Mass. ss.

To Lester Leighton Constable of the First Congregational Parish in Westhampton,

Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Parish aforesaid, qualified to vote in parish affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said town, on on Friday the sixth day of August next, at three o'clock in the afternoon, then & there to act on the following articles.

Art. 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting.

Article 2d. To see if the Parish will unite with the church, in giving a call to Rev. William S. Coggin of Boxford Mass. to settle over them in the Gospel ministry.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof, at the Town Hall, in said town, seven days, at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the parish clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands and seal this twenty sixth day of July in the year of our Lord, One thousand eight hundred and fifty three.

Fred Cook
Moses Ludden } Assessors.

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1852.

This certifies that I have served the within warrant by posting up an attested copy of the same, as above directed, at the time & place aforesaid.

Leslie T. Langdon, Parish Collector

Northampton
Aug. 6. 1852

At a legal meeting of the First Congregational Church in Northampton, held on Friday the sixth day of August A. D. 1852 —

Almon B. Ludden was chosen Moderator.

Voted to extend a call to Revd William T. Coggin of Bradford, Mass. to settle with us in the Gospel ministry —

Voted to offer Rev. Mr. T. Coggin the sum of six hundred and fifty dollars, as an annual salary —

Voted that Messrs. Augustus E. Hale, and Mrs. E. Lyman be a committee, with a committee of the church, to present a call to the Rev. Mr. Coggin, and receive his answer.

Voted to dissolve the meeting —

Almon B. Ludden — Moderator

Attest.

T. A. Judd — Clerk.

To Lester L. Langdon Collector of the First Congregational Parish in Westhampton,

Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the First Congregational Parish in Westhampton, qualified to vote in parish affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said town, on Friday the twelfth day of November at two o'clock in the afternoon, then & there to act on the following articles,

First, to choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Second, To see if the parish will engage the Rev Stephen C. Strong, of Northampton, to supply their pulpit for one year.

Hereof you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy thereof at the Town Hall in said town, seven days at least before the time for holding said Meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the parish Collector, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands & seals this fifteen th day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty two.

Joel Crooker } Assessors of
Moses Lyman } said Parish.

Pursuant to the within warrant I have served this warrant by posting up an attested copy of the same, as above directed at the time & place aforesaid.

Westhampton Nov. 12th 1852

Lester L. Langdon Par. Collector

1852.–53.

At a legal meeting of the First Congregational Parish in Northampton, held on Friday the twelfth day of November A.D. 1852 –

In the absence of the Parish Clerk, the meeting was called to order by the Chairmen of the Assessors Board Noel Brooks was chosen Clerk "pro tem" –

Mathias Rice was chosen Moderator.

Voted unanimously to engage Mr. Stephen A. Strong of Northampton to supply the Pulpit for one year, and to pay him, for his said services, the sum of Five hundred and fifty dollars –

Voted to instruct the Treasurer to reserve a sufficient sum of Money to pay all parish expences, up to the time when Mr. Strong commences his services for the year –

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Mathias Rice – Moderator

Attest.

Noel Brooks – Clerk "pro tem" –

To Lester T. Langdon – Collector of the First Congregational Parish in Northampton

Greeting –

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the First Congregational Parish in Northampton, qualified to vote in parish affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the eleventh day of April next, at two o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following Articles –

Art. 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting.

Art. 2d. To choose all necessary Parish Officers for the year ensuing.

Art. 3d. To hear the annual report of the Assessors, and other committees and act thereon.

Art. 4th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray parish charges the ensuing year, and make appropriations of the same.

Art. 5th. To see in what method the parish will take to ring their Bell - sweep and warm the meeting house &c.

Art. 6th. To see what method the Parish will take to collect their taxes.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Town Hall in said town, seven days, at least, before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Parish Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands & seals this twenty sixth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty three.

Joel Cook
Moses Ludden } Assessors.

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the male members of the First Congregational Parish in Westhampton, qualified to vote in Parish affairs, to meet at the time and place aforesaid, as above directed.

Westhampton
April 11. 1853.

L. T. Langdon Parish Collector

1853.

At a legal meeting of the Members of the First Congregational Parish in Southampton, held on Monday the eleventh day of April A.D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty three;

Eleazar Judd was chosen Moderator.

John H. Judd was chosen Clerk, and duly sworn.

Franklin Strong " " Treasurer and Collector

Val Cook, Linus Chatfield, Varell Bartlett Assessors

Linus W. Parsons, Franklin Strong, J. H. Bridgman Trustees &c.

The service of collecting the taxes was set up to the lowest bidder, and was bid off by Franklin Strong, at one and ten one hundredths per cent. = 1.10/100 per cent. =

Voted that the services of ringing the Bell, sweeping & warming the meeting house, &c. as here to fore (see page 3d) be contracted for by the Assessors.

The Assessors were instructed to make a new valuation of estates taxable in the Parish, the present year.

Messrs Medad King and Abner B. Judd were appointed a Committee to act, in behalf of the Parish, in all proper measures and connexions, for supplying the Pulpit during the ensuing year, and for the settlement of a Pastor.

Voted that the Assessors be a committee with full power to settle with John Bates & Simeon Strong for damage done to their Barns, by the erection of chimneys in the meeting house.

Voted to raise by assessment the sum of six hundred dollars, to meet the expenses of the Parish, the ensuing year.

The annual Report of the Assessors, and of the Treasurer were presented, and severally accepted, the former of which is as follows -

Report of the Assessors of the First Congregational Parish in Westhampton, for the year ending on the second Monday of April 1853.

| | | Dr. |
|---|---|---|
| To Paid for abatement of taxes | | $ 3.50 |
| " " Supplying the Pulpit | | " 184.00 |
| " " Work about the Meeting-house | | 12.17 |
| " " Parish Officers Fees | | 10.50 |
| " " Interest on parish dues | | 4.02 |
| " " Collectors Fees - | | 7.55 |
| " " Boss-Viol .50 - Stationery .50 | | " 1.00 |
| | Dr. | $ 222.74 |
| By an Assessment of Tax - | 652.92 | |
| Deductions | 41.31 | 694.23 |
| Deficiency last year | 68.65 | |
| Amount of Orders drawn | 222.74 | 291.39 |
| Balance not ordered | | $ 402.84 |

Westhampton
April 11th 1853

Joel Clark
Myses Judd 2nd } Assessors -

The Parish Clerk administered the oath of office to the Assessors - Treasurer & Collector, and the meeting was then dissolved.

E. Judd 2d - Moderator.

Attest.

Simon A. Judd } Clerk -

24 1853.

To Mr. Daniel L. Strong Collector of the First Congl Parish in Northborough Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the First Congregational Parish in Northborough qualified to vote in said Parish affairs, to meet at the Town House in said Town on Monday the twenty sixth day of this inst. at three o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles.

Article 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art. 2d To see if the Parish will concur with the Church in giving a call to the Rev. Stephen H. Hardy to settle as their Pastor in the Gospel Ministry.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting a true attested copy thereof at the usual place in said town seven days, at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to the Parish Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands & seal this fifteenth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty three.

Joel Cook
Levi Chapman } Assessors

I have served the within warrant by posting up an attested copy of the same at the Town House in said

town, seven days previous to the time of said annual meeting.

Franklin Strong Parish Collector

(Westhampton)
Sept. 26th 1853

At a legal meeting of the First Congregational Parish in Westhampton, held on Monday the twenty sixth day of September A.D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty three;

Joel Cook was chosen Moderator.

Voted unanimously that the Parish concur with the Church in inviting Rev. Stephen C. Storrs to settle with them in the Gospel ministry.

Voted to offer Rev. S. C. Storrs the sum of nine hundred and fifty dollars, as an annual salary the same to be paid, in four equal quarterly instalments.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Joel Cook Moderator.

Attest.
John A. Judd, Clerk

(seal) To Franklin Strong - Collector of the First Congregational Parish, in Westhampton,

Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the First Congregational Parish in Westhampton, qualified to vote in parish affairs, to meet at the town hall in said town on the twenty fifth instant, at two o'clock in the afternoon,

the inhabitants, to act upon the following articles.

Art. 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art. 2d To see if the Parish will concur with the Church in giving a call to Rev. Horatio Bigelow to settle over them in the Gospel Ministry.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy thereof at the town Hall in said town, seven days, at least, before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the parish clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands & seal, this seventeenth day of January, in the year of our Lord 1854.

Joel Cate
Lewis Shepherson } Parish Com.

I have served the within warrant by posting up an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall in said town, seven days before the time of holding said meeting.

Southampton
Jan. 25. 1854

Franklin Strong { Parish Collector

At a legal meeting of the First Congregational Parish in Southampton, held on Wednesday the twenty fifth day of January A.D. 1854.

Voted Luther Edwards Moderator.

Voted that the Parishioners with the Church, in inviting the Rev. Horatio Bigelow to settle with them, in the Gospel Ministry.

Voted to offer the Rev. Andrew Bigelow the sum of five hundred and fifty dollars, as an annual salary.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest. John A. Fuller - Clerk

Hampshire ss.

To Hiram Strong, Collector of the First Congregational Parish in Northampton, Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the First Congregational Parish, in the town of Northampton, qualified to vote in parish affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said town, on Monday the tenth day of April next, at two o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles;-

Art. 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting.

Art. 2d To choose all necessary parish officers, for the year ensuing.

Art. 3d To hear the annual report of the assessors, and other reports, and act thereon.

Art. 4th To raise such sums of money as may be necessary the ensuing year, and appropriate the same.

Art. 5th To see what method the Parish will take to have their Meeting-house repaired & painted, and give any instructions

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Art. 6th To see in what method the parish will take to collect their Taxes.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the town Hall in said town, seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Parish Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands and seal, this thirtieth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty four.

Joel Cook } Assessors.
Linus Chapman }

Pursuant to the within warrant I have warned, in the manner therein described, the qualified voters of the First Parish in Southampton, to meet at the time & place and for the purposes therein mentioned.

Southampton } Franklin Strong } Collector.
April 10th 1854 }

At a legal meeting of the members of the First Parish in Southampton, qualified to vote in said meeting, held on Monday the tenth day of April A.D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty four

Jared A. Bartlett was chosen Moderator.
John A. Fowler was chosen Clerk, and duly sworn by Abram B. Lowden Esqr.

Jared Bartlett }
Joel Cook } were chosen Assessors.
Hosea Smith }

Sherman Clark was chosen Treasurer.
Wm. C. Seymour, Caleb Lord, Geo. L. Wright - Singing Committee.

The following presented their Annual Report, which was accepted, and is as follows:-

Receipts

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| By Amount of Assessment | $ | 619.84 |
| " Amt of Donations | " | 29.00 |
| " Balance from last year | " | 402.84 |
| | $ | 1051.68 |

To Amt of Orders drawn since last Annual Meeting $ 748.41
Balance not Ordered $ 303.27

(Best Committee) Caleb Lord
10th Feb 1854) Simeon Seymour } Committee

Voted that the Committee be instructed to settle all just claims for damage, in consequence of the chimnies being erected in the meeting-house.

Voted to raise, by assessment, the sum of six hundred dollars, for the payment of Pastors salary and other incidental Parish charges, the ensuing year.

The services of taking care of the meeting-house, and ringing the Bell to the Union was before - see page 8th - was struck off to Simeon Seymour for twenty-nine dollars and fifty cents.

The collection of the Parish Taxes was struck off to Sherman Clark - he being the lowest bidder - for eighty cents, per hundred dollars and he was chosen Collector.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest: Wm A. Speed
Town Clerk

S. C. Bartlett - Moderator

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To [illegible] Clerk Collector of the First Congl Parish in Northampton Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the first Congregational Parish in Northampton, qualified to vote in said parish to meet at the Town Hall in said Northampton on Monday the second day of April next at one o'clock in the afternoon, there and then to act on the following articles

Article 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art. 2d To choose all necessary parish officers for the year ensuing.

Art. 3d To hear the annual report of the Assessors and act thereon.

Art. 4th To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray parish charges for the year ensuing.

Art. 5th To see what action the parish will take in relation to the request of Rev Andrew Bigelow to be dismissed from his pastoral charge.

Art. 6th To see what measures the parish will take to provide for the warming and sweeping the Meeting House, and for ringing the bell.

Art. 7th To see if the parish will order the shingling of the meeting House with other repairs about the same.

Art 8th To see what order the parish will take in relation to Insuring the Meeting House

Art 9th To see what measures the parish will take to collect their taxes

Art 10th To see if the parish will change the style or name of the Parish

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Town Hall in said Town, seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting & given under our hands and seal this twenty third day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty five

Omitted above) Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to the Parish Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid &c

Westhampton April 2d 1855

Joel Cook
Jared Bartlett
Assessors

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have warned in the manner prescribed, the qualified voters of the First Congl Parish in Westhampton, to meet at the time & place, and for the purposes therein expressed

Westhampton April 2d 1855

Sherman Clark Collector

At a legal meeting of the Members of the First Congregational Parish in Westhampton, held on Monday the second day of April A. D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty ~~five~~ five

Lorenzo G. Bartlett was chosen Moderator
Daniel W. Clark was chosen Clerk and duly sworn by John A. Judd Esq.
Jarad Bartlett, Medad King, Albert G. Jewett & Ithamar Sheldon
Sherman Clark Treasurer and Collector.
William E. Lyman, Caleb Lord, Geo L. Wright Singing Com.

The services of collecting the taxes was set up to the lowest bidder, and was bid off by Sherman Clark for six dollars.

And the services expected & contemplated in the sixth article in the warrant to be performed as heretofore (See page 9th) such as the care of the meeting house, were struck off to Thomas B. Lyman for thirty Dollars.

Voted that the repairing of the Meeting House be left with the Assessors, Voted to raise six hundred and twenty five dollars to defray Parish charges the ensuing year, fifty dollars of the above sum to be expended in repairing the Meeting House.

Voted that the Treasurer be authorised to renew the insurance on the meeting House for one years.

Voted that the two words First Congl) by which the parish has heretofore

been called, be thereto and hereby is called the Parish.

Voted to accept the report of the Assessors, which is as follows:-

— — — — — — — Parish — Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| By | Amount of Assessment | $ 618,83 |
| " | Amt of Donations | 35.00 |
| " | Balance from last year | 303.27 |
| | | $957,10 |
| To | Amount of orders drawn since last Settlement | 739,60 |
| | Balance not ordered | $217,50 |

Westhampton, March 26. 1855

Joel Cook
Jared Barthlt
Assessors

Voted to receive the following resolutions, presented by Joel Cook.

Voted to act on the resolves separately.

The resolutions were accordingly voted upon, and each and all of them were adopted, and are as follows.

Whereas Rev. Andrew Bigelow has asked for a dismission from the Pastoral office of this Parish, therefore,

1st Resolved, That it is with unfeigned regret that we hear the announcement of Mr Bigelow, that his health is such that he deems it expedient that his connection with us as Pastor be dissolved.

2d Resolved, That we have full confidence in Mr Bigelow as a Minister of the Gospel, and a -

Christian Gentlemen,

3d Resolved, That he be earnestly entreated to withdraw his request for a dismissal from his charge, and take a respite from active labor of his office for three months, then if his health permit, that he resume the duties of his charge.

4th Resolved, That a committee of three be chosen to present these resolutions to Mr Bigelow, await his decision and report at an adjourned meeting.

Voted that Messrs F. Clark, Dennis & Edwards be in accordance with the fourth resolve, chosen a committee to present the above resolutions to Mr Bigelow and report at an adjourned meeting.

Voted to adjourn until Tuesday the twelfth day of April next at two o'clock P. M.

Adjourned Meeting.

Tuesday April 11th 1865. Two o'clock P. M.

Met according to adjournment.

The committee chosen to present a series of resolutions to Rev Andrew Bigelow, report that they have attended to the duties for which they were chosen and that Mr Bigelow declining accepting the offer made him by the Parish, viz, a vacation of three months from active labor in his office, and that he renews his request that the Parish absolve him from his obligations to the Parish, when the connexions between him and the church shall have been dissolved by an Ecclesiastical Council.

For Mr Bigelow communication to the Parish see file—

voted to except the report of the committee, and to comply with Mr Bigelow's request

Zimri L. Clark, Samuel Edwards, Joel Cook, were chosen a committee to act in connexion with a Church committee in taking all necessary steps to call a council in regard to the dismissal of Mr. Bigelow.

Anson Chapman, Jared O. Bartlett were chosen a committee on the part of the Parish, to act in connection with a committee of the church in procuring a Minister to supply the Pulpit, and also in procuring a candidate for settlement

Sylvanus Hubbard Jr was chosen a committee to solicit subscriptions towards repairing the meeting House.

Voted to raise an additional sum of seventy five dollars, towards repairing the meeting House.

Voted that all documentary papers passed between the Pastor & the committee & the Pastor or either placed on record or on file.

The Parish Clerk administered the oath of office to the Assessors-Treasurer & Collector,

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Jared O. Bartlett Moderator

Attest,

Daniel M. Clark Clerk

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To Sherman Clark Collector of the Parish in Westhampton.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the legal voters of said Parish to meet at the Town Hall in said town on Wednesday the twenty sixth day of February inst at two o'clock in the afternoon, to act on the following articles, viz:—

Art. 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art. 2d To see if the Parish will concur with the church in extending a call to Rev. H. E. Niles of Lowell to settle with them in the Gospel ministry.

Art. 3d To see what provision the Parish will make for his support.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy of this warrant in the rooms of the Town Hall seven days before the time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Parish Clerk at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this twelfth day of February one thousand eight hundred & fifty six.

Josiah Burtlett
Noah King
Assessors of the Parish

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified the legal voters as directed, by a vote of said Parish by posting up a notice as directed at the Town House.

Thomas Clark Collector

At a legal meeting of the Members of the Parish in Westhampton, held on Wednesday the twenty-fifth day of February A.D. one thousand eight-hundred and fifty six

Joel Cook was chosen Moderator

Voted unanimously that the Parish concur with the Church in inviting Rev. H. E. Niles of Lowell to settle with them in the Gospel Ministry.

Voted to offer him the sum of eight hundred and fifty dollars, as an annual Salary.

Voted to allow him three Sabbaths vacation yearly.

Voted that Messrs Lewis Chapman, Jared C Bartlett, be a committee with a committee of the Church, to present a call to Rev. H. E. Niles and receive his answer.

Voted to dissolve the Meeting

Joel Cook Moderator

A true copy,
Attest

Daniel M Clark Parish Clerk

To [illegible] Clerk Collector of the Parish in Northampton Greetings

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. You are directed to notify the legal voters of the Parish in Northampton to meet at the Town Hall in said on the seventh day of April next at one o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles —

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.
" 2. To choose all necessary Parish Officers —
" 3. To hear reports and act thereon —
" 4. To see what sums of money the Parish will raise to defray Parish expences the present year —
" 5th To see what method the parish will take to keep the Meeting house in the Bell and the stoves, firewood and other labor in and about the Meeting house —
" 6th To see what method the parish will take to collect their taxes the present year —

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof in the porch of the Town Hall, seven days at least before the time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Parish Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty fifth day of March one thousand eight hundred & fifty six —

[illegible] } Assessors of the
[illegible] } Parish

Attest. Daniel W. Clark Clerk

this parish that I have notified said meeting as directed by said warrant and Assessors of said Parish

Whereupon Clark Willcutt of said Parish

At a legal meeting of the members of the Parish in Westhampton, qualified to vote in parish affairs, held on Monday the seventh day of April A.D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty six

Jared O. Bartlett was chosen Moderator
Daniel M. Clark " " Parish Clerk
— and duly sworn by just to act Esq —
Henry M. Parsons was chosen Treasurer & Collector
Jared Bartlett
Medad King
Enoch H. Lyman } Assessors

A. H. Bridgman, Henry M. Parsons, George L. Wright, Singing Committee

Voted to except the report of the Assessors

Voted to pass over the 4th Art in the warrant

The service of collecting the taxes was put up to the lowest bidder, and was bid off by Henry M. Parsons for the sum of one dollar on the hundred

And the service expressed & contemplated in the fifth article in the warrant to be performed as hereafter see page 37 such as the care of the Meeting House, Town House &c were struck off to Hosea Hooker for the sum of thirty dollars

Voted that the Assessors be authorized to dispose of the old, and purchase and put up a new lightning rod on the Meeting House. Voted to adjourn this meeting until the last Monday of the present month at three Oclock P.M.

Daniel

Met according to adjournment.

Voted to raise by assessment the sum of seven hundred dollars for payment of Pastors Salary and other incidental charges.

The Officers Report is as follows -

Parish Dr.

| | |
|---|---|
| To amount of assessment of | $710.57 |
| Amount of Donations | 132.60 |
| Balance from last year | 217.57 |
| | $1060.57 |
| | 924.11 |

To - Amount of orders drawn since last Settlement

Balance not ordered — $136,40

All Parish Officers duly sworn by Clerk

Jared - Bartlett
Medad King
} Assessors

Voted to dissolve the meeting. —

Jared A. Bartlett Moderator

Attest.

Daniel M Clark Parish Clerk

To Henry M. Parsons, Collector of the Parish in Westhampton, Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the legal voters of said Parish to meet at the Town Hall in said Westhampton, on Monday the twenty third day of the present month at four o'clock P. M. then and there to act on the following articles.

Art. 1st To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art. 2. To see if the Parish will unite with the Church in extending a call to the Rev. D. M. Elwood to settle with them in the Gospel Ministry.

Art. 3. To see what provision the Parish will make for the support of the Rev. D. M. Elwood.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof in the room of the Town Hall seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Here of fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Parish Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this ninth day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty six.

Westhampton June 9th 1856.

Medad King
Jared Bartlett
} Selectmen of the Parish in Westhampton

42 Pursuant to the within warrant; I have notified the legal voters of said Parish, to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes within mentioned.

Henry M. Parsons {Collector}

At a legal meeting of the members of the Parish in Westhampton, qualified to vote in Parish affairs, held on Monday the twenty third day of June A.D. one thousand eight hundred and sixty six

Gen. L. S. Clark was chosen Moderator.

Voted unanimously, that the Parish concur with the Church in inviting Rev. D. M. Elwood to settle with them in the Gospel Ministry.

Voted to offer Rev. D. M. Elwood the sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars as an annual Sal. for the same to be paid quarterly.

Voted to allow him two sabbaths vacation yearly.

Voted & A. Chapman & P. B. Bartlett were chosen a Committee on the part of the Parish to present a call to Rev. D. M. Elwood, and receive his answer

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Gen. L. S. Clark Moderator

Attest.

David W. Cook Parish Clerk

To Henry M. Parsons Collector of the Parish
in Westhampton — Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth
of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the legal
voters of said Parish, qualified to vote in Parish
affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said town
on Wednesday the fifteenth day of the present
month at two O'clock P. M. then and there to act
on the following articles

Art. 1st. To choose a moderator to preside in said
meeting.

Art. 2d. To see if the Parish will unite with the
with the Church in extending a call to the
Rev. Roswell Foster late of Waltham to
settle with them in the Gospel Ministry.

Art. 3. To see what sum the Parish will vote for
the support of the Rev. Roswell Foster —

And you are directed to serve this warrant by
posting an attested copy in the recess of the
Town Hall seven days at least before the time for
holding said meeting —

Hereof fail not and make due return
of this warrant with your doings thereon to the
Parish Clerk at the time and place of meeting
as aforesaid —

Given under our hands ~~this~~
seventh day of October in the year one thousand
eight hundred and fifty six. —

Medad Strong
Josiah Bartlett

Assessors of
Parish in
Westhampton

44 Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified the Legal Voters of said Parish qualified as therein expressed, to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes within mentioned.

Henry H. Parsons, Collector

At a legal meeting of the Congregational Parish in said Hampton, holden on Wednesday the Fifth day of October A.D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty six.

Capt. Jared Bartlett was chosen Moderator

Voted unanimously that the Parish concur with the Church in inviting Rev. Roswell Foster late of Pittsfield, to settle with them in the Gospel Ministry.

Voted to offer Rev. Roswell Foster the sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars as an annual Salary.

Voted that his Salary be paid, in four equal quarter-yearly instalments.

Voted to allow him three Sabbaths vacation yearly.

Messrs. Moses Chapman and Jared C. Bartlett were chosen a Committee on the part of the Parish, to act in connection with a committee of the church in presenting a call to the Rev. Roswell Foster and receive his answer.

Also the same committee act in the settlement of the same, should his answer be in the affirmative.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Jared C. Bartlett Moderator.

Attest, Daniel M. Clark Parish Clerk

To Henry M. Parsons Collector of the Parish in Westhampton

Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the legal voters of said Parish to meet at the Town House in said Westhampton on Monday the sixteenth day of April next at one o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles viz.

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator for

" 2. To choose all necessary Parish Officers for the year ensuing.

" 3. To see what sum of money the Parish will raise to defray Parish expenses the present year

" 4. To see what method the Parish will take to collect their taxes.

" 5. To see what method the Parish will take to ring the bell, warm the church, provide wood and take care of the stoves and other necessary labor in and about the House.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof in the recess of the Town Hall seven days at least before the time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Parish Clerk at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Westhampton this twenty seventh day of March one thousand eight hundred and fifty seven

Jared Bartlett
Medad King
G. C. Lyman
} Parish Assessors

46. Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the voters of said Parish qualified as therein specified to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned.

Henry C. Parsons, first Selectman.

At a legal meeting of the members of the Parish in said Northampton, qualified to vote in Parish affairs, held at the Town Hall in said town on Monday the sixth day of April A.D. one thousand eight hundred and forty seven

Enoch B. Lyman was chosen Moderator

(Enoch W. Clark was chosen Parish Clerk and duly sworn by Joel Lyman Esq.

Enoch B. H. Pendleton, E. B. Lyman, Henry C. Parsons, Thomas Clarke were chosen Assessors

Medad King, E. H. Lyman,

E. W. Parsons, Franklin Thomas were chosen Collectors

The services of collecting the taxes annexed to the Town Tax bill, and was bid off by Henry W. Parsons, for eight cents on the Hundred dollars

Voted to raise by Assessment nine hundred dollars for payment of Pastors Salary and other incidental charges.

Voted to authorize the Selectmen to put in a ventilator in the Church

Voted the services other than in the fifth article in the warrant to be performed as heretofore (see page 8) each on the same day of the month and from time to time as shall be agreed upon by the Selectmen for the time being.

All Officers sworn by the Parish Clerk

Report of the Parish Assessors for the year ending March 27th 1857

By amount of assessment $708.00

" Donations 10.00

Received for pew rent 2.50

Balance from last year 136.40

$856.90

Amount of orders drawn since last Settlement $810.92

$45.98

Jared D Barthelt
Nahum D King
Assessors

Voted to dissolve the meeting

E. H. Sprague Moderator

Attest,

Daniel M. Clark Parish Clerk

Hampshire ss.

To Henry M. Parsons Collector
of the Parish of Westhampton — Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
you are hereby to notify the legal voters of said Parish
to meet at the Town Hall in said Westhampton, on Mon-
day the 7th day of April next, at one o'clock in
the afternoon, then and there to act on the following
articles;

Art. 1st To choose a moderator.

" 2d To choose all necessary parish officers for the ensuing
" 3d To raise such sums of money as may be necessary
to defray parish charges for the year ensuing
" 4th To see what method the parish will take to
collect their taxes, ring the bell, sweep the house,
provide fuel to warm the same, and all necessary
labor in and about the meeting house, and Town
houses for parish purposes, &c
" 5th To hear the annual reports and act thereon
" 6 To see if the Parish will reimburse the balance
of Collectors rate of 1850, &c

And you are directed to serve this
warrant by posting an attested copy thereof in the
entry of the Town Hall seven days at least before the
time for holding said meeting, &c

Faithfully and make due return
of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Parish Clerk
at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid, &c

Given under our hands this twenty sixth day
of March in the year one thousand eight hundred
and fifty eight. A. D. 1858

Attest, E. T. Spaulding Parish
Clerk

Hiland Kingsley
E. T. Spaulding
Assessors.

this certifies that I have notified the legal voters of said Parish as herein directed.

Henry M. Parsons = Collector.

At a legal meeting of the Members of the Parish in the Church qualified to vote in Parish affairs, held on Monday the fifth day of April A.D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty eight.

Enoch H. Lyman was chosen Moderator

Lucius W. Clark was chosen Parish Clerk and the oath of office was administered by J. C. V. Judd Esq.

Enoch H. Lyman
Francis Judd
A. H. Bridgman
} Parish Assessors

Henry M. Parsons was chosen Treasurer and Collector

The service of collecting the taxes was set up to the lowest bidder, and was bid off by H. M. Parsons at eighty cents on the hundred dollars, his sureties E. H. Lyman, A. H. Bridgman.

Voted that the services of ringing the bell, sweeping the meeting house, and warming the same as heretofore (see page 5. and 6.) be set up to the lowest bidder And was struck off to Theron Booth for thirty four dollars and fifty cents

Voted to raise, by assessment, the sum of nine hundred dollars for payment of Pastors salary and other incidental Parish charges, the Pastors salary to be paid Quarterly.

Voted to reimburse the remainder of the Parish tax sold to Caleb Lyon 4th for 1856.

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Voted to accept the Report of Auditors, of the Parish Clerk, as Treasurer of the Parish.

Voted to accept the following

Statement of Parish Taxes

Statement of the Parish Assessors, of the expenses of the Parish, for the year Ending on the twenty-sixth day of March, Eighteen Hundred and Fifty Eight, viz

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| By Amount of Assessment. | | $968.29 |
| " " " Donations | | 19.00 |
| Received per rent | | 1.56 |
| " Balance from last year | | 75.92 |
| | | $997.77 |

(Dr

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| To amount of orders drawn since last Settlement | | $868.57 |
| Leaving a balance not ordered | | $111.77 |

Which is respectfully submitted.

Jared Bradish ) Parish
Noah Sims ) Assessors
E. C. Hamlin )

Voted to exempt the Parsonage from Parish taxes

The Parish Clerk administered the oath of office to the Assessors-Treasurer and Collector, and the

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Attest,

[illegible] Parish Clerk

To Henry M. Parsons Collector of the Congregational Parish in Westhampton. Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify & warn the said inhabitants of the Parish in said town qualified to vote in parish affairs, to meet at the Town Hall on Monday the twenty fifth day at 2 o'clock P. M. to act on the following articles viz.

1st To choose a Moderator.

2d To choose a committee to act in concert with the Committee of the church in relation to a call which the Rev R. Foster has received from Pittsfield. &c

3d To transact any other business that may properly come before said meeting. &c

You are to serve this warrant with your doings thereon to the parish Clerk at the time and place above mentioned. &c

Given under our hands at West-Hampton this 13th day of Dec. A 1858.

Francis Edwards } Assessors of
N. H. Bridgman } W. Parish

I hereby certify that I have warned the voters of said Parish as therein directed

Henry M. Parsons. &c
Collector

5. At a legal meeting of the members of the Parish
in Westhampton, qualified to vote in parish affairs,
held at the Town Hall in said Westhampton, the twenty-third
day of January A.D. 1865,

Wm. Joel Cooke was chosen Moderator

Voted to choose a committee to act with the
committee of the Church in reference to the call
which the Rev. R. Foster has received from the
Church and Society in Williamsburgh

Voted that this Committee consist of three.

Francis Judd, Elijah L. Knowles & Lucius M. Bridgman
Parish Assessors were chosen.

Voted to pass over the third article in the Warrant.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest

Wm. Joel Cooke, Parish Clerk.

At a meeting legally notified & held in the Parish in
Westhampton, January

the meeting was organized

qualified to vote in parish affairs to assemble at the Town Hall in Westhampton, on Monday
the 17th inst at 2 o'clock, P. M. then and there to act
on the following articles.

Art 1st To choose a Moderator

Art 2d To see if the Parish will choose a Committee

to act with church committee relative to supplying
pulpit, and procuring and settling a Pastor.
And S. be instructed such other business as may come
before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant
by posting up an attested copy hereof in the usual
of the Town Hall seven days at least before
the time of holding said meeting. —

And fail not to make due return
of this warrant with your doings thereon to the clerk
at the time and place of meeting aforesaid. —

Given under our hands this 6th day of January
1857.

H. L. Hull.
C. M. Lyman
A. H. Bridgman
} Town Officers

Which warning the said constable duly executed
and returned in due season. —

Attest H. L. Hull Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the
Parish in Westhampton, qualified to vote in Parish
affairs, holden in the Town House on Monday
the seventeenth day of January 1857. —

Dea. E. L. Clark was chosen Moderator
voted to choose a committee to act in connection with
the Church committee in supplying the pulpit,
procuring candidate and in the settlement of
a Pastor.

Voted that said committee consist of five.
Voted that the Committee be chosen by ballot. —
A. Lyman, Mr. Hull, Dea. Lyman, Mr. Bridgman

[illegible] to dispose the meeting
[illegible] Moderator.
[illegible]
[illegible] Parish Clerk.

Warrant for Town Meeting of Freemen to be held in Northampton in the County of Hampshire, — — — Greeting.

In the name [illegible] of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the Freemen of said Parish inhabited in Northampton on Monday, the second day of April next, at ten o'clock A.M. then and there to act on the following articles, viz.,

Art. 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.
" 2. To choose Clerk, Parish Officers for the ensuing year.
" 3. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Parish expenses for the ensuing year.
" 4th To see if the Parish will purchase the Parsonage
" 5th To see if the Parish will remit the tax assessed to the Parish for 1865.
" 6th To see what action the Parish will take in relation to the [illegible]
" 7th [illegible] to see what the Parish will do in relation to [illegible] Parsonage
" 8th To transact [illegible] business that may come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy hereof in the

Recess of the Town Hall, seven days at least
[illegible] for warning Parish meeting,
[illegible] and [illegible] in the [illegible]
[illegible], with [illegible] time ~~for holding~~ of meeting, & place of meeting
as aforesaid, &c.;

Given under our hands this [illegible]
[illegible] day of March, One thousand eight hundred and
[illegible] nine. &c.

Daniel Strong
Enoch H. Longmeer
Francis Ford
} Parish Assessors

This certifies that I have notified and warned the qualified voters as herein directed.

Henry M. Parsons. Collector

The annual meeting of the Members of the Parish in Westhampton, qualified to vote in parish affairs, held at the Town Hall on Monday the fourth day of April A.D. 1859.

[illegible] was chosen Moderator of the [illegible]
Daniel N. Clark " Parish Clerk, and the oath of office was administered by Joel Cook Esq.

" Enoch H. Longmeer
Francis Ford
Festus Moore
} Parish Assessors

Thereon C. Lamphear was chosen Collector & Treasurer
Surety Albert J. Jewett.

Voted to raise nine hundred dollars for payment of Salary, and other incidental Parish charges.

Voted that the Saint Patrick Society
be permitted to purchased for the annu-
al ball of the present owners, and the owners
agree in that event to receive the amount of one hundred
and fifty dollars, payable, with interest
annually, the principal to be paid in three
years from date: to January 1st 1867

Voted that the Tax not to be
assessed for 1867 be remitted.

Voted that the collection of Water taxes
be put up at auction, and the
Collector be authorized to sell at public auction
for cash to the highest bidder

Voted that the door of the
meeting house, ringing, & be painted
wood, in good order, & the care of the pre-
mises be put up to the lowest bidder.

Voted that Mr Hall be allowed
for 66 feet of fence

Voted that the Parish Committee
be authorized to sell the old fire engine
Voted to dissolve the meeting
Attest

To Thomas C. Cavanal Collector of the Parish in Westhampton Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the legal voters of said Parish, qualified to vote in Parish affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Westhampton on Monday the twentieth day of the present month at three o'clock P. M. then and there to act on the following articles.—

Art. 1st To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

" 2. To see if the parish will unite with the Church in extending a call to the Rev Timothy A. Eaton late of Dalton to settle with them in the Gospel Ministry.

Art. 3 To see what sum the Parish will vote for the support of the Rev Timothy A. Eaton.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy in the rooms of the Town Hall seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Parish Clerk at the time and place of meeting.

Given under our hands this thirteenth day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty nine.—

E. A. Lyman
F. Lyon
H. Hooker
} Parish Assessors

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the voters qualified to vote in Parish matters to meet at the Town Hall at the time and for the purposes within named, by posting up an attested copy according to order. T. C. Cavanal Collector, June 13, 1859

At a legal meeting of the Parish in Westhampton
held on Monday the twentieth day of June A.D. 1859.

Enoch H. Lyman was chosen Moderator
voted to put-over all of the articles in the warrant
and dissolve the meeting. —

Enoch H. Lyman, Moderator.

Attest,

(David W. Clark—Parish Clerk)

Commonwealth of Mass.

To Thomas C. Davenport Parish Collector

Greeting, —

In the name of the Commonwealth of
Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn
the members of the Parish in Westhampton qualified
to vote in parish affairs to meet at the Town Hall in
said Westhampton on Monday the first day of August
next at five o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles
viz.

Art. 1st To choose Moderator

" 2d To see if the Parish will continue with the
Church as existing now and to raise and appro-
priate money to defray the necessary expenses of
the Parish for the ensuing year

Art. 3d To see what sum or sums of money the Parish
will raise

" 4th To transact any other business that may
come before said meeting.

And you are hereby required to serve this warrant
by posting an attested copy thereof seven days at least
previous to time of holding said meeting in the room
of the Town Hall

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Parish Clerk at the time and place of said meeting. —

Given under our hands this twenty fifth day of July, A.D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty nine

Enoch H. Lyman
Francis Lovell
Wm. H. Parker
} Parish Assessors

Pursuant to the within notice I have notified the voters of the Parish to meet at the time, place, and for the purposes named within, by posting an attested copy of this warrant seven days before the time of meeting.

Westhampton
Aug. 1st 1859. Thomas C. [illegible] Parish Collector

At a legal meeting of the Members of the Parish in Westhampton held at the Town Hall on Monday the first day of August A.D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty nine.

Chas. Joel Cook was chosen Moderator

Voted unanimously that the Parish unite with the Church in extending a call to Rev. Edwin E. Bisset to settle with them in the Gospel Ministry.

Voted to offer Rev E. E. Bisset the sum of Eight hundred dollars ~~a year~~ as an annual salary with the use & standing wood to be supplied the Pulpit during the year, and he shall pay for the use of the Parsonage one hundred and twenty five dollars a year, his salary to be paid Quarterly. —

Messrs. Austin Chapman and Matthias Rice were chosen a Committee on the part of the Parish to act with the Church Committee in presenting a call to the Rev E. E. Bisset, and receive his answer, Also the same Committee act in ~~the~~ settlement

should this answer be in the affirmative
Voted to dissolve the meeting.
Rev. Joel Cook Moderator

Attest,
Daniel N. Clark Parish Clerk

Hampshire ss. To Thomas C. Crowhurst Parish Collector
of the town of Westhampton, Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the
town of Westhampton qualified to vote in parish affairs
to meet at the Town Hall in said Westhampton on
Monday the second day of April next, at one o'clock
in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following
articles.

Article 1st To choose a moderator.
" 2. To choose all necessary parish officers for the
year ensuing.
" 3. To hear the reports and act thereon.
" 4th To raise such sums of money as may be
necessary to defray parish charges and
appropriate the same.
" 5th To see if the parish will vote any sum
on their house of worship.
" 6th To see what method the parish will take
to collect their taxes and take care of the church.

And you are directed to serve this warrant,
by posting up an attested copy thereof in the room
of the Town Hall seven days at least before the time
for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this
warrant with your doings thereon to the Parish Clerk

at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hand and seal this twenty second day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty.

E. H. Laymon
W. Lovell
W. Hunting
} Parish Officers

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the legal voters of the Parish, to meet at the time, place, and for the purpose within named, by posting an attested copy of the warrant seven days before the time of meeting. —

Westhampton. April 2d. 1860. T. C. Davenport Parish Collector

At a legal meeting of the Members of the Parish in Westhampton qualified to vote in parish affairs, held at the Town Hall in said Westhampton on Monday the second day of April A. D. 1860. —

George B. Drury was chosen Moderator
Daniel W. Clark " " Parish Clerk
and duly sworn by Moderator

Thomas C. Davenport was chosen Treasurer, and Collector
Enoch H. Lyman, Francis Lovell, Festus Tucker, Surveyors
Franklin Strong, Abner S. Bridgman, C. M. Parsons, Assessors.

~~The service of collecting the taxes was set up to the lowest bidder~~

Voted to choose a Collector and Treasurer by ballot and that it be left with the Assessors to make such arrangement with the Collector in regard to his compensation as they best can. T. C. Davenport was chosen Treasurer & Collector his Sureties

62 Voted to raise nine hundred dollars for payment of Pastors salary and other ordinary parish expencies. —

Voted to accept the reports of Treasurer & Assessors. —

Voted to allow a discount of five per cent on all taxes paid on or before the first of July next, and 4 per cent on all payed on or before the first of September next. —

Voted to repaint the Church outside. and in case if any responsible person, or persons, shall make any material repairs or alterations in the Church. then the parish will also paper the inside walls of the same. — —

The Assessors were chosen a Committee to Oversee the com'unpleted repairs, and protect the parish so far as able, from damages. ~~the work to be done to the acceptance of~~ ,,,

Voted to raise by tax one hundred dollars for painting the meeting house. and that the Assessors be authorized to borrow an additional sum of one hundred dollars (or more if necessary) for that — purpose. and for papering

Voted that the care of the church be offered to the lowest bidder. Duties to be done as follows, viz. The Bell to be rung for all meetings or Lectures where notice is given from the Pulpit, (excepting funerals), the meeting House to be swept once in four weeks when the ground is covered with snow, and once in every two weeks when it is bare, and carefully dusted after sweeping, and the Desk kept always covered, except on days of meeting. — The water to be shoveled from the steps. — water provided for baptisms when requested, and fuel for fires — the fire in the stoves to be started as early as seven o'clock on cold sabbath mornings and properly attended to. —

The Care of the church was set up to the lowest bidder and was struck off to John M. Knight for the sum of thirty dollars. for one year. —

voted to appropriate the sum of twenty dollars of the sum
already voted for parish purposes, for Virginia purposes, this
sum to be put into the hands of the Virginia Committee.

The oaths of office were administered respectively to the
Assessors, Treasurer & Collector, by the Parish Clerk.

Treasurers report see on file.

Voted to dissolve the meeting

G. B. Brown, Moderator

Attest,

Daniel M. Clark Parish Clerk

Hingham ss.

To U. C. Davenport Collector of the Parish in Hingham greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify & warn the male inhabitants of said Parish qualified by Law to vote in Parish affairs to meet and assemble at the Town Hall on Monday the first day of April next at one o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles Viz. — Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting. —

Art. 2d To choose all necessary Officers for the year ensuing.

Art. 3d To raise such sums of money as shall be necessary to defray Parish Expences the ensuing year. —

Art. 4th To see what method the Parish will take to collect their taxes ring the Bell, sweep the meeting house, provide wood for the Stoves and take care of the same, and do other necessary labor in & about the House the ensuing year. —

Art. 5th To hear reports of Committees and act on the same. —

Art. 6th To see if the Parish will Order the monies put up for warming their House of Worship. —

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof, in the room of the Town Hall seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not & make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Parish Clerk at the time & place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this twenty third day of March, in the year one Thousand eight hundred and sixty one. —

Benjamin Lincoln
C. C. Sprague
Thos. Lincoln

Assessors of Parish. —

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified and warned the qualified voters of the Parish, to meet at the Town Hall, at the time, and for purposes herein stated, by posting up an attested copy seven days before time of meeting. E. C. Davenport Collector

Westhampton
April 1st 1861

At a legal meeting of the Members of the Parish in Westhampton, qualified to vote in parish affairs, held at the town hall in said Westhampton, on Monday the first day of April A.D. One thousand eight hundred and sixty one.

Elnazer Judd Jr was chosen Moderator.
Daniel W. Clark " " Parish Clerk
Thomas C. Davenport " " " Treasurer

Enoch C. Lyman
Preston Hooker
Alfred D. Montague } Parish Assessors

Franklin Strong
Henry M. Parsons
Elijah P. Viney } Finance Committee

Voted to raise by Assessment the sum of eleven Hundred dollars to meet the expences of the Parish the ensuing year.

Voted to accept the reports of Assessors, and Treasurer.

Voted that the collecting of the taxes be left with the Assessors to contract with the Treasurer, or any other Member of the Parish they may see fit, to collect the Parish taxes for the ensuing year.

Voted to allow the same Premium, as allowed last year.

Voted that the care of the Meeting House, as contemplated in article 4th be set up to the lowest bidder. The work to be done the same as last year. The care of the Meeting house was struck off to John M. Knight for the sum of $28.00 for one year

16 Report of the Parish Treasurer of the expenses of the Parish
for the year ending March 25. 1861.

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| Paid Sexton salary | $65.00 |
| " For repairs on Church | 410.14 |
| " Parish note and interest | 233.85 |
| " Parish Incidentals | 25.19 |
| " Insurance of Church | 30.00 |
| " Insurance | 26.00 |
| " Town tax on Parsonage | 6.65 |
| " Paid to Minor Astrings | 6.42 |
| " Repairs on Parsonage | 7.00 |
| " [illegible] | 10.00 |
| " Incidentals (Communion) | 3.10 |
| Amount [illegible] | $1467.55 |

Parish Cr

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| By Amount of Assessment | $1006.66 |
| " " of Contra | 101.12 |
| " By [illegible] last year | 199.01 |
| " Incidental | 4.36 |
| Amount of Cr | $1310.45 |

Amount over drawn $157.10

Enoch H. Lemon )
Francis [illegible] ) Parish Committee
Festus Hooker )

Attest Hampton March 25. 1861.

Treasurers sureties. Matthias Rice. Wm L. Lemon

Parish Officers duly sworn by Parish Clerk

Voted to dissolve the meeting

E. Judd Jr. Moderator.

Attest G. W. Clark Parish Clerk.

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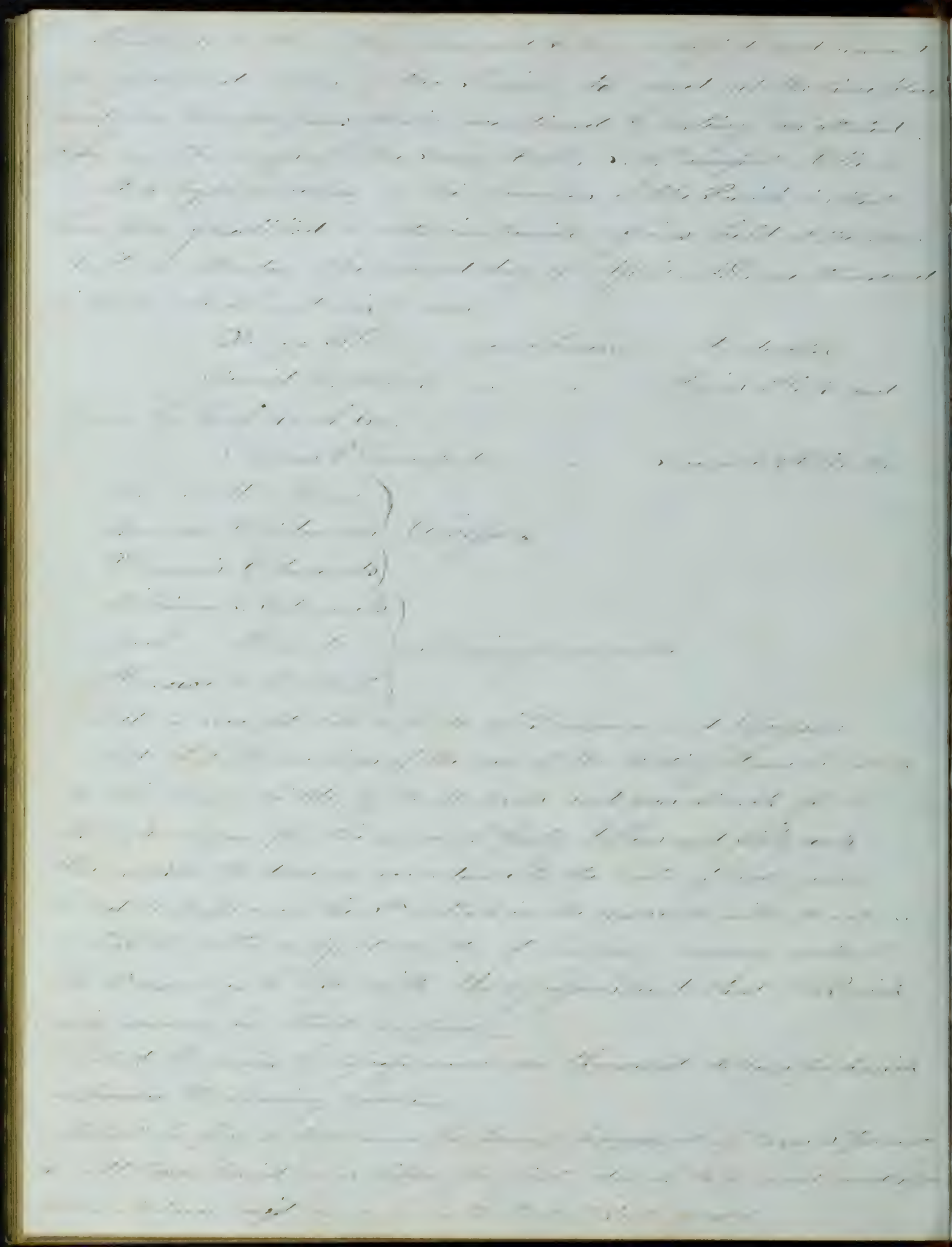
| April 6th 1868 | George E. Knight | " | " | " | " | " |
| " 13th " | Amos D. Rice | " | " | " | " | " |
| May 22d " | Strong A. Phelps | " | " | " | " | " |
| January 20th 1869 | Michael Connery | " | " | " | " | " |
| April 4th 1870 | Denos Judd | " | " | " | " | " |
| June 7th " | Milton F. Phelps | " | " | " | " | " |
| March 23d 1872 | Chs W. Niles | " | " | " | " | " |
| " 29th " | Worthy Hooker | " | " | " | " | " |
| May 16th " | Elijah C. Phelps | " | " | " | " | " |
| Aug 17th " | Edward A. Bartlett | " | " | " | " | " |
| Feb 16th 1874 | Festus Hooker | " | " | " | " | " |
| " " " | Albert G. Jewett | " | " | " | " | " |

March 27th 1868 E. H. Lymon " " " " "
April 30 " Elezar Judd " " " " "
March 5 1869 Chs. D. Fish " " " " "
" 26th " Frank E. Langdon " " " " "
April 30 1869 Moses Luaden " " " " "
" " " D. W. Streeter " " " " "
Jan 18th 1870 Wm J. Lymon " " " " "
April 13 " James W. Delaney " " " " "
" 18 " Albert L. Delaney " " " " "
June 1st " Timothy E. Clark " " " " "
Feb. 16th 1872 E. E. Edgerton " " " " "
May 1st " John Watson " " " " "
Feb 19th 1873 Simus Chapman " " " " "
April 29th " Joel Burt " " " " "
" " " A. G. Jewett " " " " "
" 30 " Festus Hooker " " " " "
May 26 " A. B. Sudden " " " " "
Jan 12 1874 Elbert Langdon " " " " "



Hampshire S.S.

To Thomas C. Davenport Parish Collector in Westhampton

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to warn the voters of the Parish to meet at the Town Hall, on Monday the fourteenth day of May, at four o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following articles —

Art 1st To choose a Moderator

" 2nd To choose a Parish Clerk to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Daniel W. Clark

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy in the town of the Town Hall seven days before the time of holding said Meeting

Hereof fail not to make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Assessors before the time of holding said meeting

Given under our hands this fifth day of May in the year of our Lord One Thousand eight hundred and sixty six.

A. C. Hardigan
Francis Edwards
Lucas Bridgman
} Parish Assessors

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the qualified voters of the Parish to meet at the time place and for the purposes herein mentioned by posting an attested copy in the recess of the Town Hall. — F. C. Davenport Collector —

At a legal meeting of the members of the Parish qualified to vote in Parish affairs held at the Town Hall on Monday the fourteenth day of May at four O'clock in the afternoon in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight hundred and sixty six.

Enoch F. C. Lyman was chosen Moderator
Chas. F. Lowe was chosen — Parish Clerk —

Voted to dissolve the meeting

E H Lyman Moderator

Attest Chas. F. Lowe Parish Clerk.

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Hampshire S.S.

To F. C. Davenport. Parish Collector in Westhampton

Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the members of said Parish qualified to vote. To meet at the Town Hall on Thursday the 5th day of April at 3. o'clock P.M. to act upon the following Articles

Art – 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting

" 2nd " To see if the Parish will unite with the Church in extending a call to the Rev. Thomas Allender of New London Ct. to settle with them in the Gospel Ministry

Art. 3rd " To see what salary the Parish will pay Rev. Mr. Allender

Art. 4th " To transact any other business that may come before said meeting

And you are directed to serve this warrant by putting up an attested copy in the room of the Town Hall seven days before the time of holding said meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Parish Clerk before the time of holding said Meeting Given under our hands this fifteenth day of April Eighteen Hundred and Sixty 4

A D Montague
Francis Edwards
Lucas Bridgman
} " Parish Assessors "

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the qualified voters of the Parish to meet at the time place and for the purpose herein mentioned by posting an attested copy in the usual place of the Town Hall

= J C Davenport Collector =

At a legal meeting of the members of the Parish = Northampton qualified to vote in such meeting held at the Town Hall on Thursday the twenty sixth day of April A D one thousand eight hundred and fifty six.

A. H. Bridgman was chosen Moderator
J C Davenport " " clerk pro tem.

The clerk was sworn by Joel Cook Esq. =

Voted unanimously to unite with the church in inviting a call to Rev Thomas Allender to settle with them in the Gospel Ministry =

Voted to pay Mr. Allender one thousand dollars a year in quarterly installments =

Voted to give Mr Allender forty dollars to remove his family

Voted that the present Committee be a committee to attend the call to Mr. Allender

Voted to charge Mr Allender one hundred and fifty dollars a year for the use of the Parsonage.

Voted that the Bell be rung on the afternoon previous to the Sabbath. from April 1st to Sept 1st at one o'clock and through the winter at quarter before one o'clock.

A. H. Bridgman Moderator
Attest. Chas. N. Lowe clerk.

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Hampshire S.S.

To Thomas C. Davenport Parish Collector of West Hampton

Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the members of the Parish of Westhampton qualified to vote to meet at the Town Hall on Monday the first day of April next at one O'clock P.M. then and there to act on the following articles,

1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.
2d To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year.
3d To hear the annual reports and act thereon.
4th To see what action the Parish will take in regard to giving Rev. W. Allender a yearly vacation.
5th To determine the manner of keeping the Church in order warming lighting the same & ringing the bell for the ensuing year.
6th To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Parish offenses for the ensuing year.
7th To see what method the Parish will take to collect their taxes.

and you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy in the recess of the Town Hall seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not to make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Parish Clerk before the time of holding said meeting. Given under our hands this twenty first day of March One thousand eight Hundred & sixty seven

N. G. Montague
Francis Edwards
Silas Bridgman
} Parish Assessors.

Pursuant to the within warrant I have served the same by posting an attested copy in the recess of the Town Hall.

T. C. Davenport Collector.

Westhampton March 23d 1867.

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At a legal meeting of the members of the West Hampton Parish qualified to vote in Parish affairs held at the Town Hall in said town on Monday the first day of April A.D. 1867.

Enoch H. Lyman was chosen Moderator.

Thomas C. Davenport " " Clerk and was sworn by E. H. Lyman Esq.

J. C. Davenport was chosen Treasurer & Collector. Oath of office was administered to the treasurer & Collector by E. H. Lyman Esq.

Francis Edwards
Elbert Longdon
A. P. Bridgman

were chosen Parish Assessors. Each of office was administered to the assessors by the Clerk.

Voted to accept of the reports of the Treasurer and Assessors.

Voted to give Rev. Thomas Allender a vacation of three sabbaths a year.

Voted to raise by assessment of tax on the members of the Parish for current expenses eleven hundred dollars ($1100,00).

Voted to raise fifty dollars ($50,00) to be put into the hands of the assessors, and do such of the same as may be necessary be used for the purpose of Ventilating the Church.

Voted that the Parish furnish Oil & Wood for the use of the Church.

Voted to leave it with the assessors to contract with some one to take the care of the Church for the present year.

Voted that the person who rings the bell shall toll the same with the large rope as in years ago.

Joel Burt, Reuben W. Clapp & Edward W. Hooker were Chosen Committee on Singing. Voted that the Treasurer be authorised to borrow such sum of money as may be necessary to pay the next quarters salary. Voted that the Parish allow a discount of 5 per cent on all taxes paid on or before 1st of July next & 4 p. cent on or before the first of September. Voted to dissolve the meeting.

E. H. Lyman, Moderator
Attest J. C. Davenport, Clerk.

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Treasurers Report April 1st 1867

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| Balance from last year | 400,16 |
| Tax committed to Collector | 983,98 |
| Donations | 97,50 |
| Rent of Parsonage for 1865 | 50,00 |
| | $1531,64 |
| Amount of orders paid | 1255,98 |
| | $275,66 |

J. C. Davenport, Treasurer.

Assessors Report March 21st 1867

Parish credit.

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| By Balance from last year | $322,80 |
| " Amount of assessment | 983,98 |
| " Rent from Parsonage | 50,00 |
| " Amount of Donations | 97,50 |
| Do | $1454,28 |

To amount of Orders drawn since the last settlement — $1456,62

Amount overdrawn $4,34

A. D. Montague
Francis Edwards
Silas Bridgman
Attest

Parish Assessors

Thomas C. Davenport, Parish Clerk.

Hampshire S.S.

To Thomas C. Davenport, Parish Clerk Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to warn the voters of the Parish of Westhampton to meet at the Town Hall on Thursday at two oclock P. M. Jan 2d 1868 to act upon the following articles.

Art 1st To choose a Moderator.
" 2d To see if the Parish will accept the Library.
" 3d To take any action relative to said library.
" 4th To see if the Parish will sell the Double Bass Viol.

and you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy in the recess of the Town Hall seven days before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not to make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Assessors before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty fourth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred sixty seven.

Elbert Landon
Abner P. Bredymon } Parish Assessors.

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the voters of the Parish to meet at the time, place and for the purposes herein named by posting an attested copy in the recess of the Town Hall.

T. C. Davenport.
Westhampton Dec 26th 1867.

At a legal meeting of the members of the Parish of Westhampton, held at the Town Hall on Thursday January second A.D. 1868, G. B. Drury was chosen Moderator.

Voted to accept the "Reunion Memorial Library" presented "to the good people of the town of West Hampton," under the care of the Parish, by the natives of said town now absent. own,

Jan. 2d 1868.

Voted that the Parish Clerk be instructed to prese. a vote of thanks to the donors of the Library for their generous gift. Voted that Rev. Thomas Allender, E. H. Lyman & George B. Drury be a Committee to provide a place, draft rules, appoint a Librarian & to do all things necessary to set the library running. Voted to adjourn.

G. B. Drury, Moderator.

Attest J. C. Davenport, Clerk.

Copy of the letter by the Libary Committee.

New York Dec 8th 1867.

To the good people
of Westhampton

Dear Friends

The Committee to whom the "Reunion" at its assemblage in Sept. 1866 entrusted the matter of a Library for the benefit of the town of our common nativity, are happy to inform you that a case of books designed for said Library has already been forwarded to the care of Mr. O. Kingsley at Northampton, and that additional shipments may be expected at an early date.

Believing it to have been the desire and purpose of those who suggested, as well as those who have contributed most largely to this Memorial Library, thereby to express their profound regard for the sound educational moral and religious principles with which the people of Westhampton have ever been so highley favored; and to conserve and perpetuate these principles, the Committee recommend and so far as they may be supposed to have control of the matter would direct that the said Library which is presented to you - shall be established upon the following basis, to wit

on next page

First. This Library shall be accessible to all the inhabitants of the town upon equal terms, so that none shall be deprived of its anticipated beneficial influence.

Second. The proprietorships of said Library shall be vested in the Parish of the Congregational Church and Society of the town, and the officers thereof, either regular or special as the Parish may elect, shall have the management and care of the said Library, and shall so conduct its affairs as to secure the ends for which it has been created, and which are set forth in the preceeding article.

With sentiments of cordial filial affection,
We are as ever, Your Obt servants

E. C. Bridgman
Otis Clapp
Saml. F. Phelps
Anson Hooker
Thomas Allender
E. M. Kingsley
Committee

A true copy
Attest T. C. Davenport, Clerk.

1868

Hampshire S.S.

To J.C. Davenport, Parish Collector in Westhampton Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the members of said Parish qualified to vote to meet at the Town Hall on Monday the sixth day of April at 2 o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles.

Article 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

" 2d To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year.

" 3d To hear the anual reports and act thereon.

" 4th To determine the manner of keeping the Church in order, warming & lighting the same & ringing the bell for the ensuing year.

" 5th To see if the Parish will put in some baize doors in the Church.

" 6th To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Parish expenses for the ensuing year.

" 7th To see what method the Parish will take to collect their taxes.

" 8th To take any action that may come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy in the recess of the Town Hall seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty seventh day of March one thousand eighteen hundred & sixty eight.

Elbert Langdon
Francis Edwards
Abner P. Bridgman
Parish Assessors

Pursuant to the within warrant I have served the same by posting up an attested copy in the recess of the Town Hall. J.C. Davenport, Parish Collector, Westhampton, March 28th 1868

April 6th 1868.

At a legal meeting of the members of the Parish held at the Town Hall on Monday April sixth A.D. eighteen hundred & sixty-eight

Rebecca W. Clapp was chosen Moderator.
Thos. C. Davenport " " Clerk & Treasurer.

The oath of office was administered to the Clerk & Treasurer by A. Chapman Esq.

A. P. Bridgman
Joel Cook
C. C. Bartlett
were chosen Parish Assessors.

Joel Burt
R. W. Clapp
Edward W. Hooker
Singing Committee.

The Assessors & Treasurers report were read and accepted.
Voted that the care of the Church be set up to the lowest bidder.
Voted that the fixing of the doors & windows to the Church be left with the Assessors.
Voted that the collection of the taxes be left with the assessors the same as last year.
Voted to allow the same discount for prompt payment of taxes as last year.
Voted that the assessors be allowed to sell the Double Bass Viol.
Voted that the money procured for the Bass Viol be appropriated for the payment of a singing teacher.
Voted that the care of the Church be bid off by a member of the Parish & that such person be allowed to employ some responsible person not a member of the Parish to do the work.

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Voted that the bell be rung at precisely nine o'clock on every Sabbath morning. 2d That the second bell be rung five minutes, stop five minutes, and tolled five minutes.
3d That the Church be swept and thoroughly dusted once in two weeks, from the first of April, to the first of December, and once in four weeks the remainder of the time.
4th That the steps be thoroughly cleaned before every service.
5th That the fire be made sufficiently early to bring the thermometer up to 60° degrees half an hour before each service.
6th That water be furnished for baptism.
7th That wood and oil be furnished and the house be warmed and lighted for all meetings in the Church.

Voted that the singing Committee procure a singing teacher to begin the 1st of September next.

Voted to raise by assessment the sum of eleven hundred and fifty dollars for Parish purposes. ($1150,00).

The care of the Church was struck off to George E. Knight for forty nine dollars and fifty cents ($49,50).

Report of the assessors, March 27th 1868

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| Parish credit | By amount of assessment | $1158,55. |
| " | " Donations | 86,00 |
| " | " Pump & Pipe | 15,79 |
| " | Balance from last year | 275,66 |
| | | 1536,00 |

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| Dr | Paid for preaching | $ 895,00. |
| " | Note & interest | 160,20. |
| " | Ventilating Church | 41,20 |
| " | Care of Church & wood | 45,73 |
| " | Discount on taxes | 28,96 |
| " | Assessors services | 24,00 |
| " | Repairs on Parsonage | 8,00 |

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| " Tax on Parsonage | $16,80. |
| " Insurance " " | 6,65. |
| " Collector, Clerk & Treasurer | 11,40. |
| " Abatement of tax | 5,41. |
| " Contingences, Bond, Stamp, Clark &c. | 7,00 |
| | $1250,35 |

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| Amount of orders drawn since last settlement | $1250,35 |
| Outstanding orders | 280,11 |
| | $1530,46 |
| Amount not ordered | 5,54 |
| | $1536,00 |

Elbert Longdon
Francis Edwards
Abner P. Bridgman
Parish Assessors

Voted to dissolve the meeting
R. W. Clapp, Moderator.
Attest, Thomas C. Davenport, Clerk.

1869

Hampshire S.S.

To Thomas C. Davenport Collector of the Cong. Parish West Hampton

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the members of the Congregational Parish in Westhampton qualified to vote in Parish affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said West Hampton on Monday the fifth day of April next at one o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles.

Article 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

" 2d To choose all necessary parish officers for the ensuing year.

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Article 3d To hear the annual report of the assessors & act thereon.

" 4th To determine the manner of keeping the Meeting House in order warming & lighting the same and ringing the bell.

" 5th To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the parish for the year ensuing.

" 6th To see what method the parish will take to collect their taxes the ensuing year.

" 7th To take action in any other matter which may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the town hall in said West Hampton seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Parish Clerk at the time and place for holding said meeting.

~~Hereof fail not and make~~ Given under our hands & seals this twenty fifth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty nine.

Joel Cook
A. D. Bridgman
C. C. Bartlett
} Assessors of the Parish of West Hampton

Pursuant to the within warrant I have warned the Parish voters to meet at the time, place & for the purposes within named by posting an attested copy in the recess of the Town Hall.

Thomas C. Davenport
Collector

West Hampton March 26th 1869

April 5th 1869.

At a legal meeting of the members of the Parish held at the Town Hall to day

H. M. Parsons was chosen Moderator.

Thos C. Davenport " Clerk, Treasurer & Collector.

Joel Cook
C. C. Bartlett } Parish Assessors
A. D. Bridgman

R. W. Clapp
E. P. Torrey } Singing Committee

Voted that the Parish procure oil & wood for lighting the Church & that the care of the Church be put up to the lowest bidder. + warming

Voted that the bell be rung for all Parish purposes.

Voted that we raise by assessment eleven hundred dollars ($1100). Voted that we pay seventy five cents on a hundred dollars for collecting the taxes.

Voted to allow the same discount as last year on taxes.

Voted that the assessors employ Matthias Rice to trim the Parsonage orchard.

Voted that the assessors settle with Julius Cook, E. P. Bardett & E. P. Torrey for their taxes due.

The care of the church was bid off by George E. Knight for twenty eight dollars ($28.00) the same to be done as last year. The oath of office was administered to the Clerk & Treasurer by Anson Chapman Esq. to the Assessors by the Clerk.

Voted to accept the assessors & Treasurers report.

Report of assessors.

Parish Co. by amount assessment ... $1198,62.

April 5th 1869 Assessors report continued.

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| Last fm. | 1198.62 |
| Parish credit by Donations | 111,50 |
| " " " Balance from last year | 5.54 |
| | $1315,66 |

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| To amount of orders drawn since settlement | $1060,91 |
| Balance not ordered | $254,75 |

Orders were drawn for the following purposes

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| Pastors Salary | 850,00 |
| Abatement of taxes | 2,00 |
| Parish officers fees | 30,00 |
| Supply of Pulpit | 47,00 |
| Care of Church lighting & warming | 49,50 |
| Interest on notes | 17,55 |
| Tax on parsonage | 10,65 |
| Repairs about Church & parsonage | 11,65 |
| Collecting taxes | 6,30 |
| Discount on taxes | 31,11 |
| Wood & Oil | 5,15 |
| | $1060,91 |

Treasurers Report

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| Parish credit by balance from last year | 285.76 |
| " " " Donations | 111,50 |
| " " Tax Assessment | 1198.62 |
| | $1595,88 |

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| To paid orders drawn by the assessors on Treasury | 1072,87 |
| Balance in Treasury | $523,01 |

Attest

Thomas C. Davenport

Parish Clerk.

1870

To Thomas C. Davenport, Collector of the Cong. Parish in West Hampton. Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the male inhabitants of the aforsaid parish qualified by law to vote in parish affairs to meet and assemble at the Town Hall on Monday the fourth day of April next at one o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles.

Article 1st To choose a Moderator.

" 2d To choose all necessary parish officers for the year ensuing.

" 3d To hear the report of the assessors and committee if any and act on the same.

" 4th To see what amount of money the parish will raise to meet the expenses of the coming year.

" 5th To see what method the parish will adopt to raise and collect their money.

" 6th To take action in relation to ringing the bell, sweeping and warming the meeting house and doing such other work in and about the same as may be needed.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves on or before the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands & seals this 24th of March 1870. Joel Cook
A. P. Bridgman
C. C. Bartlett
Assessors of Parish

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the voters of the parish to meet at the time, place & for the purposes within named by posting up an attested copy in the recess of the town hall.

West Hampton March 26th 1870. T. C. Davenport, Collector

April 4th 1870

At a legal meeting of the members of the parish of West Hampton held at the Town Hall on Monday April 4th A.D. 1870, Henry M. Parsons was chosen, Moderator.
Thomas C. Davenport, " " Clerk
The oath of office was immediately administered to the Clerk by Anson Chapman Esq.

Joel Cook, Festus Hooker & Horace C. Barlett were chosen Assessors. They were sworn by the Clerk.

Albert G. Jewett, Wm. I. Edwards & Fred H. Judd were chosen a committee to see to the Reunion Library.
Voted that the above committee appoint a Librarian for the year.

R. W. Clapp & E. D. Torrey were chosen Singing Committee

Voted to reimburse ($3,99) of E. D. Torreys tax of 1867 also $9,10 of Julius Cooks tax of 1864, also $9,41 of Elihu N. Barletts tax of 1867.

Voted to raise by assessment on the polls & estates of the members of the parish eleven hundred dollars ($1100,00).

Voted that the treasurer also be collector
The oath of office was administered to the treasurer & collector by Anson Chapman Esq.

Voted to deposit five dollars ($5,00) in the Savings Bank in favor of Alfred Mitchell, for blowing the organ, to be given to him at such time as the parish may vote.

Voted to allow a discount of five per. cent. on all taxes paid before July 20th and three per. cent. before October 20th.

Voted to put up the care of the church to the lowest bidder the same to be done in the manner prescribed last year.
Voted that J. M. Knight be allowed to bid. The care of the church was bid off by John M. Knight for twenty five dollars ($25.00).

Assessors & Treasurer reported & their reports were accepted.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

H. M. Parsons, Moderator
Attest J. C. Davenport Clerk

1870

To Thomas C. Davenport Collector of the Parish in West Hampton Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the legal voters of said Parish qualified to vote in parish affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said town on Wednesday the Seventh day of the present month at two o'clock P. M. to act on the following articles.

Article 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

" 2d To see if the Parish will unite with the Church in extending a call to the Rev. D. F. Barnard of Williamstown State of Vermont to settle with them in the gospel ministry.

" 3d To see what sum the Parish will vote for the support of the Rev Pliney Fisk Barnard.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy in the recess of the Town Hall seven days at least before before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Parish Clerk at the time and place of meeting.

Given under our hands this fourth day of May 1870.

Festus Hooker
H. C. Bartlett } Parish Assessors.

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the members of the Parish to meet at the time, place & for the purposes herein named by posting an attested copy thereof in the recess of the Town Hall. Thos C. Davenport
Collector

Westhampton May 4th 1870.

May 11th 1870

At a meeting of the Parish legally called held to day Elbert Longdon was chosen Moderator.

Voted to unite with the Church in extending a call to Rev. P. F. Barnard of Williamstown Vt. to settle with us in the gospel ministry.

Voted to choose a committee of three on the part of the parish to act with the Church in extending the above call and to act as the parish committee of supply until such a time as we have a settled pastor.

Mathias Rice, Orra Joel Cook & A. H. Bridgman were chosen that Committee.

Voted to offer Rev. P. F. Barnard one thousand ($1000,00) as salary; in quarterly payments.

Voted to change one hundred & fifty dollars ($150,00) for the use of the parsonage.

Voted to pay Rev P. F. Barnard seventy five dollars for his expense in moving here.

Voted to dissolve this meeting

Elbert Longdon, Moderator

Attest: Thos. C. Davenport, Clerk.

1871 April

To J. C. Davenport, Collector of the Cong. Parish in Westhampton.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the legal voters of said Parish qualified to vote in Parish affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said town on Monday the third day of April next at One o'clock P. M. then and there to act on the following articles.

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Article 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.
" 2d To choose all necessary Parish officers for the year ensuing.
" 3d To hear the report of the assessors and Comm.-ties if any and act thereon.
" 4th To take action in relation to warming lighting sweeping and dusting the Meeting House, ringing the bell and the usual work about the Meeting House the year ensuing.
" 5th To see what sums of money the Parish will raise to defray their expenses the year ensuing
" 6th To see what method the Parish will take to collect their taxes.
" 7th To see if the Parish will direct any repairs in the Meeting House and about the Parsonage.

You are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy thereof in the recess of the Town Hall in said town seven days before the time for holding said meeting

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant to the Parish Clerk before the time for holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty fourth day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Seventy One. Joel Cook, Festus Hooker, Horace C. Bartlett } Assessors of the Cong. Parish

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the members of the Parish to meet at the time, place & for the purposes within named by posting an attested copy in the recess of the Town Hall. Westhampton March 24th 1871. J. C. Davenport Collector.

April 3d 1871

At a legal meeting of the Parish of Westhampton held at the Town Hall to day.

Henry M. Parsons was chosen Moderator.

The meeting was opened by prayer by Dea. L. S. Clark.

Thomas C. Davenport was chosen Clerk & Treasurer.

Dea. Joel Cook
Festus Hacker
Horace C. Bartlett } Assessors

W. N. Clapp & E. P. Torrey were chosen Singing Committee

Rev P. F. Barnard, Wm I. Edwards & F. K. Judd were chosen Committee on the Library.

Assessors & Treasurers reports were read and accepted. See on file.

Voted to raise by assessment eleven hundred dollars ($1100,00) to pay for preaching & care of the Church.

F. C. Davenport was chosen Collector.

Voted that the repairs about the Church & Parsonage be left with the assessors. Voted to raise by assessment two hundred & fifty dollars ($250,00) & if more is needed for the repairs the assessors be empowered to borrow the sum needed.

Voted that it be left with the assessors to employ some one to take care of the Church.

Voted to give Rev P. F. Barnard three (3) Sabbaths a year as a vacation.

over.

April 3d 1871

Voted to allow a discount of 5 per cent on all taxes paid on or before the 10th of July next and 3 per on or before the 10th of October.

Voted that the Library Committee be empowered to fill vacancies in their number.

The oath of office was administered to the Clerk Treasurer, & Collector by Anson Chapman Esq.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

H. K. Parsons, Moderator

Attest T.C. Davenport, Clerk.

The oath of office was administered to the assessors by the Clerk.

April 1st 1872

To T.C. Davenport Collector of the Congregational Parish in Westhampton.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the legal voters of said parish qualified to vote in parish affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said town on Monday the first day of April next at One o'clock P.M. then and there to act on the following articles.

Article 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting

" 2d To choose all necessary parish officers for the year ensuing.

" 3d To hear the report of the assessors & Committee

" 4th To take action in relation to warming, lighting, sweeping and dusting the meeting house ringing the bell and the usual necessary work in and about the church the year ensuing.

5th To see what sums of money the parish will raise to defray their expenses the year ensuing.

6th To see what method the parish will take to collect their taxes.

You are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested thereof in the recess of the town hall in said town seven days before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty second day of March in the year of our Lord one one thousand eight hundred & seventy two.

Festus Hooker
Horace C. Bartlett
Joel Cook
} Assessors of the Parish in Westhampton

April 14th 1872 April 1st 1872

At a legal meeting of the Parish duly called and held to day Joel Cook was chosen Moderator.

Thomas C. Davenport " Clerk, Treasurer & Collector

Oath of all the above offices was administered by F. H. Judd, Esq.

Joel Cook, Festus Hooker, & Horace C. Bartlett were chosen Assessors for the ensuing year.

The assessors & Treasurer reports were read and accepted. The Committee on the Library reported and their report was accepted.

Voted that the treasurer draw the money now in the hands of Mr Samuel F. Phelps and invest it as a fund by the advice of the Library Committee & the income to be expended in books for the library.

over,

April 11th 1872

Voted that the parish shall choose annually a Committee of three to have supervision of the Reunion Library, draw & expend in purchasing books such sum as shall be in the treasury for that purpose & make a report of their doings & the state of the library at the annual meetings of the parish.

Voted that the providing for the care of the Church be left with assessors.

Voted that the assessors be instructed to put eavespouts on the meetinghouse.

Voted to raise by assessment eleven hundred and fifty dollars ($1150,00).

Voted to allow a discount of 5 per cent on all taxes paid on or before the first of July & three (3) per cent on or before the first of October. Voted that Rev P. F. Barnard, Dea Wm S. Edwards & F. H. Judd be the Library Committee.

Rev W. Clapp & E. P. Torrey were chosen Singing Committee.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Joel Cook, Moderator.

Attest Thomas C. Davenport, Clerk.

The oath of office was administered to the assessors by the Clerk.